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PETITION FOR LATE ENTRY OF AMENDMENT UNDER 37 U.S.C. § 1.312(b)


Applicant in the above-identified application hereby petitions for entry of the accompanying Supplemental Amendment After Allowance.

The attached Amendment was not filed prior to allowance or prior to payment of the issue fee because the lack of antecedent basis was not noticed earlier by Applicant or by the Examiner. The amendments presented for entry are required to ensure that Applicant has enforceable claims.

Please charge the petition fee of \$130.00 and any additional fees to the account of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., Deposit Account No. 50-1017. One additional copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes.

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